(b) Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance have been requested to consider the proposal and advise in the matter

**Unremunerative railway lines**

1441. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of unremunerative Broadgauge, Metergauge and Narrowgauge rail lines in the country;

(b) what is the total loss incurred on each of these lines; and

(c) what steps the Railways propose to take in this regard, giving details about each line, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY • OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There were 145 unremunerative Branch Lines in India during 1987-88. The details of these Lines and the loss suffered during 1987-88 are given below:

| Gauge | Nos. | Amount of Loss |
|---|---|---|
| Broadgauge | 31 | Rs. 17.17 crores |
| Metregauge | 77 | Rs. 47.71 ,crores |
| Narrowgauge | 37 | Rs. 36.64 crores |
| | | Rs. 101.52 crores |

(c) Out of these, 7 unremunerative branch lines have been closed. Train services have been jwthdrawn on 11 lines. Various steps such as replacement of passenger trains by Mixed trains, introduction of 'One Engine Only' system, economy in staff, curbing ticketless travel, closure of stations/or converting them into contractor operated halts, etc. have been taken to reduce the losses.

**Passengers travelling in Bombay suburban railway**

1442. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of passengers who had travelled in Bombay suburban railway during the last three years on Western Railway and Central Railway year-wise and Railway-wise; and

(b) whai is the total number of local trains running in Bombay during the same period, year-wise and Railway-wise, separatelv?

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(a) Number of passengers travelled in ban suburtrains.

| | (Figures in Thousands) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
| Central Railway | 685,555 | 718,439 | 773,776 |
| Western Railway | 698,214 | 735,867 | 763,238 |
| TOTAL: | 1,383,769 | 1,454,306 | 1,537,014 |

(b) Total number of suburban trams run.

| | (In units) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central Railway | 315,690 | 328,677 | 331,935 |
| Western Railway | 310,741 | 321,239 | 339,708 |
| TOTAL: | 626,431 | 649,916 | 671,643 |